Marketing of Inactivated Rabies Vaccines

1158. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inactivated Aabies Vaccines being marketed in the country are not of standard quality;

(b) whether any samples of inactivated rabies vaccines have been drawn from market for testing;

(c) if so, the number thereof and report of each;

(d) what was the report of the test of the two samples of imported consignments;

(e) whether it is a fact that this Vaccine is very costly;

(f) if so, what is the total course of this vaccine and how much it costs to individual patient; and

(g) what are the reasons for non-testing of each and every consignment imported in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) It is not a fact that Inactivated Rabies Vaccine is marketed in the country is not of tandard quality. During the year 1986-87, out of three samples of Inactivated Rabies Vaccine drawn from market for testing, two samples were reported to be of standard quality. The two samples tested of imported consignments were also reported to be of standard quality.

(e) to (g) The manufacture of Human Diploid Cell inactivated Rabies Vaccine involves high technology with sophisticated quality control and standardisation and the vaccine is price-controlled under Drug Price Control Order. The total course of the vaccine on an average is six doses. All the imported consignments are routinely checked in respect of storage conditions of the vaccine, labelling provisions, standards as submitted by the manufacturer and other related documents and finally a random sampling is done for testing.

D T C buses plying in Delhi

1159. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number fo D.T.C. buses plying on the roads of Delhi daily at present;

(b) the volume of pasengers handled by them daily; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce heavy rush during peak hours and reduce transport bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRAPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) D. T C. operates at present a fleet of 5316 buses including P O. operators carrying an average 51.37 lakh passengers per day.

(c) Steps are taken to augment the DTC fleet by inducting more buses.

Amount spent by Air India on Food and Beverages

1160. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Miinster of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount spent towards supply of food and beverages by Air India for in-flight kitchen annually during the last three years on its flights from India to U. K. and back;

(b) the name of the contractor who is holding the contract in the past and the contractor who is holding the same at present; and

(c) whether higher rate is being paid to the present contractor and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) the India-U.K.-India sector, food is uplifted not only from Bombay, but